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1. The military airport in Liberec is located approximately four kilometers west of the center of the city. The geographical location of the airport is 15° 01' east longitude and 50° 45' 50" north latitude.
2. Prevailing winds are from the north; visibility is poor, and there is much fog and frequent rainfalls.
3. The ground of the airport is covered with grass; there are no concrete runways. The base of the airport is wet, and the ground is not suitable for heavy planes. The airfield surface has a slight slope from the center to the right and left sides. As a rule, the airport is used only for the planes of the local Aeroclub. The direction of take offs and landings is shown in Enclosure (A). The starting runways were not specially marked. The airport has neither a control tower nor equipment for night flights.
4. There are several obstacles within a radius of five kilometers: Four kilometers southwest of the airport is Jested Mountain, 1010 meters high, (the airport itself lies 450 - 500 above sea level); the Luzicke Mountains which are located northwest and southeast of Mount Jested enclose the airport on the northwest and southeast. The only obstacles within a radius of 20 kilometers are the Jizerske Mountains which are about 15 kilometers away.
5. There is no customs service in the airport. Except for the usual military guard, the airport does not have any special provisions for the guarding of the area, eg there is no post of the National Security Corps (SNB) in the airport. The airport has an ambulance and one surgeon is always on duty.
6. Water is supplied by the water works of the city of Liberec. There are underground tanks for gasoline at the airport which, however, are not in use and gasoline as well as oil is stored in barrels. The airport has neither broadcasting equipment nor flight control. The airport is not 50X1 protected against air raids.
7. The airport serves as a training airfield for air mechanics. For this purpose about 30 old German airplanes were used. Only the following planes were used for flying: One Arado; one Stork; one Messerschmidt 109

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8. The airport is connected by a road with the Liberec - Karluv Les highway. Until 1949, there was a school for military mechanics at the airport; the school was transferred to Poprad, Slovakia, in 1949. At that time, there were 1,200 students and instructors in the school.
9. The airport is used also by the local Aero club which has its own planes: One Aero 104 and one Piper-Cub. The Aeroclub also had a space assigned to it in the hangar.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Military Airport in Liberec with Legend  
(B): Sketch Showing Geographic Location of the Military  
Airport in Liberec

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- 1.... District highway Liberec - Karluv Les, seven meters wide, steam-rolled.
- 2.... District highway Liberec - Johanneatal, seven meters wide, steam-rolled.
- 3.... Road to Bergdoff, seven meters wide, steam-rolled.
- 4.... Area on which several houses are being built by the city administration in Liberec.
- 5.... Family houses in a section of the city of Liberec called Ruzodol
- 6.... Road to the airport, seven meters wide, steam rolled.
- 7.... Fence enclosing the airfield on the side toward the private houses.
- 8.... Guard room; a single-story wooden house, 8 x 10 meters.
- 9.... Area where there were 50 single-story wooden barracks with soldiers' quarters, class rooms, workshops, store rooms, officers' quarters, officers' club, etc. Each barrack is 12 x 14 meters.
- 10.... Three hangars, steel and brick construction 50 x 40 x 12 meters, roof made of corrugated sheet metal. These hangars were used as school rooms for air mechanics.
- 11.... Wind sock on the northern hangar
- 12.... Underground gasoline tanks which were not in use.
- 13.... The area of the airport, marked with red and white signs.

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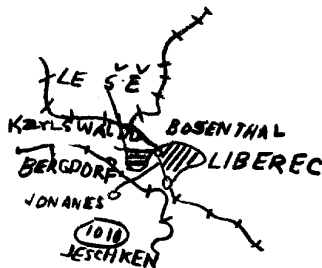


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ENCLOSURE (B)

SKETCH SHOWING GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE MILITARY AIRPORT IN LIBEREC

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STŘED-EVAŮPY 051 PRAHA 150°10' 50°55'  
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50°40'  
190°55'

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